

# Lake Woodruff

*National Wildlife  
Refuge Hunting  
Regulations 2012-2013*



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National Wildlife Refuge  
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**Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge  
2012-2013 Hunt Permit**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read and understand the Lake Woodruff NWR  
hunt regulations.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(This permit only valid when signed and accompanied  
by a \$16 Lake Woodruff Deer/Hog Permit )

## Hunting Regulations

### Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge

Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge is located in the western section of Volusia County, Florida, near DeLeon Springs. The designated hunt areas contain approximately 11,000 acres of woodlands and bordering marsh.

#### Designated Hunt Areas:

*Western Unit* - includes Harry's Creek Swamp (all land between the St. John's River and Norris Dead River); Dexter, Tick, and Jones Islands, approximately 8,500 acres.

Note: Access to the Western Unit is by boat, and participants must furnish their own transportation. There are a number of launching ramps and fishing camps that rent boats in the general area. The waters within the refuge are difficult to navigate at night.

*Eastside Unit* - includes refuge lands from gate to gate beginning with Gate #2 (numbered) south of Mud Lake Road running south to Gate #14; all west of the CSX Railroad to east marsh and is approximately 1,000 acres. Access to the East side will be through the Mud Lake Road entrance only. Parking is available in designated locations only. Access from the railroad right of way is prohibited.

*Volusia Tract* - lies between Highland Park Road and Shell Road, west of the CSX Railroad and is approximately 1,200 acres. Access from the railroad right of way is prohibited.

#### General Hunting Regulations:

The regulations listed below supplement the General Regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 32. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations and subject to the following conditions.

All hunters must be on stands or in blinds while hunting. No stalking or movement through the hunt area is permitted while hunting. Scouting in the hunt area, whether or not you hold a permit for the current hunt, is not permitted during quota hunts. Possession of weapons while scouting is prohibited.

No overnight use is permitted on the refuge. No one may enter the hunt area prior to two hours before sunrise, and all hunters must clear the area by two hours after sunset.

Target practice, airboats, fires, and dogs are prohibited on the refuge.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

It is unlawful to drive nails, spikes, or other metal objects into any tree, or to hunt from any tree in which a metal object has been driven.

No person shall cut, blaze or destroy any tree or remove any tree, shrub, or protected plant.

See state regulations for complete hunter safety requirements.

Littering and digging in archaeological areas are prohibited.

Only deer and hogs are legal to take.

#### Deer/Hog Permits

All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$16 Lake Woodruff Deer/Hog permit. **Fill out and sign the front of this brochure; this is your Lake Woodruff Deer/Hog permit.** Hunters under the age of 16 do not need a permit but must be accompanied by a permitted adult (21 years of age or older). Each adult may supervise one youth hunter and must remain within sight and normal voice contact, and the pair must share a single bag limit.

Deer/Hog permits for the archery and primitive gun hunts are issued through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's (FWC) Total Licensing System. The cost of the Deer/Hog permit is \$16.00 per hunt. The permit is non-transferable. You must be 16 years of age to apply. Permits that are lost or stolen may not be replaced.

To apply you will need to complete a Lake Woodruff Deer/Hog Permit Worksheet and/or a Lake Woodruff Primitive Gun Permit Worksheet. Present it to any tax collector's office, or you may apply online at [www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php](http://www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php), selecting "Limited Entry/Quota Permits and Applications" and then clicking on the "Start Now" button at the bottom of the screen. Permits will be issued through a random drawing. The application period begins on June 1, 2012 10:00 a.m. Eastern time and ends at midnight June 30, 2012. On the worksheet you may make your selection by going to the space marked "Hunt Choices" and indicate which hunts you would like to apply for. You may get one permit per transaction (you may apply for one archery hunt and one primitive gun hunt). Successful applicants will have until August 2, 2012 to purchase their permits. Any unsold permits remaining after August 2, 2012 will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 10 am Eastern time August 6, 2012.

The number of refuge Deer/Hog Permits will be limited to 200 archery permits (100 per hunt) and 100 primitive gun permits (50 per hunt).

If you have any problems with the issuance of your permit, please contact the FWC at (850) 488-3641 (Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.). **Submitting false information or using another person's identity without their consent is considered identity theft and may result in felony charges and the loss of hunting privileges.** Hunt availability may be checked at [www.MyFWC.com](http://www.MyFWC.com) Click on "Hunting" and under "Limited Entry Hunts" select "Check Permit Availability and Drawing Results".

In addition to the FWC issued permit, all hunters must possess a Refuge Hunt permit

#### New Regulations

Stands or blinds may be set-up two days prior to the hunt you are permitted for and must be removed the last day of your permitted hunt. Stands must be clearly marked with your permit number. No more than one stand or blind per permit may be on the refuge at any time, unless a permitted hunter is accompanied by a youth hunter. Stands for youth hunters must be placed within sight and normal voice contact of permitted hunter's stand and marked with the permit number and the word "youth".

Hunters using flagging or other trail marking material must print their permit number on each piece or marker. Flagging and trail markers may be set-up two days prior to the hunt you are permitted for and must be removed the last day of your permitted hunt. Hunters who do not print their permit number on each marker, or do not remove their flagging or other trail marking material by the last day of their permitted hunt will be cited for littering.

Any game taken during the hunts must be checked at a self-check station. Stations are located behind the Refuge headquarters on Mud Lake Road, at the south end of the Volusia Tract off Shell Road, at the north end of the Volusia Tract off Highland Park Road, at the Ed Stone County Park off SR44, and at Highland Park Fish Camp.

Hunters may harvest no more than 2 bucks and 2 does per season.

#### Archery regulations

Archery hunting is permitted in the Western Unit, Eastside Unit, and Volusia Tract. Feral (wild) hogs and deer of either sex, except spotted fawns may be hunted during the archery hunts. Weapons permitted during archery season are bows in accordance with State regulations.

The daily bag limit for deer is one buck and one doe per day.

Seasonal limit for deer is 2 bucks and 2 does.

There is no size or bag limit for hogs.

There will be two Deer/Hog archery hunts, limited to 100 permits each. Permits are only valid for the specified hunt. Hunters may purchase a Deer/Hog permit for one archery hunt and one Deer/Hog permit for one primitive gun hunt.

#### *Archery I – September 22 – September 30, 2012*

#### *Archery II – October 6 – October 14, 2012*

#### Primitive Gun Regulations

Primitive gun hunting is permitted only in the Western Unit which is only accessible by boat. Weapons permitted during primitive gun season are muzzleloading guns in accordance with State regulations.

Permitted hunters or youth supervised by a permitted hunter may harvest one buck meeting State antler requirements (having at least one antler 5 inches in length visible above the hairline) per day. Feral (wild) hogs may be taken during the primitive gun hunt by any permitted hunter or youth supervised by a permitted hunter.

The daily bag limit for deer is one buck. Seasonal bag limit for deer is 2 bucks.

There is no size or bag limit for hogs.

There will be two Deer/Hog primitive gun hunts, limited to 50 permits each. Hunters may purchase a Deer/Hog permit for one archery hunt and one Deer/Hog permit for the primitive gun hunt.

Primitive gun hunters must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material as an outer garment. Such clothing must be worn above the waistline and can include a head covering.

#### *Primitive Gun I – October 27 – October 29, 2012*

#### *Primitive Gun II – November 3 – November 5, 2012*

#### For Further information:

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